# Oral Health-Related Quality of Life Questionnaire in the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) IV

Procedure & Method Information

Name of Procedure/Method Oral Health-Related Quality of Life Questionnaire in the

Abbreviation N/A

National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey

(NHANES) IV

Purpose To assess the self-perceived impact of oral health conditions on quality of life.

Year of Establishment N/A

Type of Procedure/Method

Developer(s) National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), United

Oral Condition Category

States

## **Background Information**

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In the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) IV, 1998-2004, sample persons (SPs) aged 15 years and older will receive the oral health-related quality of life assessment to determine the self-perceived impact of oral health conditions on quality of life. This assessment will consist of a questionnaire composed of seven questions. These seven oral health-related quality of life questions are based on questions that have been extensively tested and described in several scientific publications in addition to demonstrating a high degree of validity and reliability (NIDCR, 2001).

Changes Over Time

N/A

### Procedure Method

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In NHANES IV, prior to the oral exam, sample persons aged 15 years and older will be administered the oral health-related quality of life questionnaire. Response options for the seven questions include yes (code = 1), no (code = 2), and can't respond (code = 9).

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- 1. During the past month, have you had painful aching anywhere in your mouth?
- 2. During the past month, have you had trouble pronouncing any words because of problems with your teeth,

mouth, or dentures?

3. During the past month, have you had difficulty doing your usual jobs or attending school because of problems

with your teeth, mouth, or dentures?

- 4. During the past month has your sense of taste been affected by problems with your teeth, mouth, or dentures?
- 5. During the past month, have you avoided particular foods because of problems with your teeth, mouth, or

dentures?

6. During the past month, have you found it uncomfortable to eat any foods because of problems with your teeth,

mouth, or dentures?

7. During the past month, have you been self-conscious or embarrassed because of your teeth, mouth, or dentures?

Source: National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research. Proposal for the Oral Health Examination in the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey IV, 1998-2004. Washington, DC, 2001.

**Established Modifications** 

N/A

Federal Survey Modifications N/A

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Validaty

Reliability

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